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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION SUBMITTED UNDER 35 USC §1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003 the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this submission.

- Remarks begin on page 10 of this submission.

Additionally, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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